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Falmouth, Jan. 18.

ON Tuesday last put to Sea out of this Harbor the *Unicorne* of *London*, and the *John* and *William*, both bound for *Malaga*, with several others, Homeward bound, the Wind being at S. W. but the next day it came to N. E. The Dutch *East India* ships are still in Port; they intended to have put to Sea this morning, but that the Wind came about again to the S. W. We hear of a Dutch ship from *Guinea* being cast away near *Padstow*.

Plimouth, Jan. 19. His Majesties Ship, the *Swallow* sailed from hence on Wednesday last for the *Downes*; and yesterday the *Adventure*. The last week was cast away upon the North Coast of *Cornwal* a Dutch ship mounted with 18 Guns, and richly laden from the *West Indies*.

Copenhrgen, Jan. 12. On Saturday last in the afternoon the Castle of *Helsingburg* was surrendred to the Suedes, after having been 17 days besieged, on what terms we as yet know not; for the King having sent over a Major with a Drummer to enquire, they were sent back by the Suedes, only with this answer, that he that made the Capitulation was with the King. Had the said Castle held out but one day longer, our King would have attempted the relief of it: for the necessary preparations were all made, the Troops were embarked, and our King was come to *Elsenore*, with design to be himself present at the execution which was to have been the Sunday night; but it seems the Garison was reduced to so great necessity, through want of Water and Ammunition, that they could hold out no longer. It freezes pretty hard here, and if it continues to do so, in a short time the *Soundt* will be frozen over, which should it happen, it's not to be doubted but the Suedish Parties would come over and visit us.

Hamburg, Jan. 22. From *Berlin* they write, that the indisposition of the Elector of *Brandenburg* still continues, though his Phisitians give hopes of a speedy recovery. After all the reports that have been spread abroad of an intended design upon the Isle of *Rugen*, during this winter season, we are now sufficiently assured of the contrary, and that there is no such design in hand. We have not only an account of the surrender of the Castle of *Helsingburg* to the Suedes, but what is of more consequence, if true, it's said, that advice is come from *Gottenburg*, that Count *Magnus de la Gardie* is fallen into *Norway*, and that he fought the Sieur *Guldenlieu*, and had defeated him; which we do not however give any credit to. The Imperial Troops, which assisted the Elector of *Brandenburg* this last Summer in *Pomeren*, under the command of General *Cops*, will be employed in the same service this next Campagne.

Francfort, Jan. 17. The 14 instant arrived here the Baron *de Landzee* from *Bremen*, where he had assisted at the Conferences held with the Allies concerning the partition of their Conquests in *Bremen*, but hitherto without any success: He has at present orders from the Emperor, as we are informed, to go to the Courts of several Princes of the Empire, and to negotiate there matters relating to the War; and after he has performed this Commission, he will return to *Staden* or *Bremen*, where the Conferences will be renewed, in order to the coming to some agreement concerning the said partition. The Inhabitants of *Haguenaw* make great complaints against the French, for that they seem intended absolutely to ruine that place.

Brisac, Jan. 22. The Sieur *de Monclar*, Mareschal de Camp, is at present at *Haguenaw*, to see that place demolished, and to transport the Ammunition and Provisions from thence. The Town of *Loor* on the other side of the *Rhine* having hitherto refused to pay the Contributions demanded by our Governor, the Sieur *de Vergnies* was commanded out the 15 instant, with 25 Musketeers and 35 Cavalliers on foot; with these he marched on the side of *Alsace* to *Reynaud*, where he passed the *Rhine* in small Boats, and about 11 a clock at night arrived at the Gates of *Loor*, the Inhabitants being then making merry, it being according to the old stile Twelf day Eve; of which the Sieur *de Vergnies* taking advantage, so well ordered matters, that by help of the Ladders he had brought with him he passed over the Walls with his small Company into the Town, without being discovered, and had time enough to place Sentinels at every corner of the Streets, and with the rest of his men marched directly to the House of the Governor, whom he found at Supper with the Burghermasters; who perceiving the condition they were in, readily promised to pay the demanded Contributions, and all the Arrears. The 20 the Sieur *de Vergnies* returned hither with his small party, bringing with them the Governor and Burghermasters for Hostages. This action, which was as bold as successful, has induced all the Peasants of the neighbouring places to submit to the Contributions imposed upon them. To morrow we expect here our new Governor the Sieur *du Fay*, who was late Governor of *Philipsburg*; upon which the Sieur *le Roy* prepares for his departure from hence for *Metz*, where he is to command.

Cologne, Jan. 23. From *Mentz* they write, that some *Brandenburg* Troops having forcibly taken their Winter-quarters in the Bishop of *Bamberg*'s Territories, that Bishop assembled the Militia of his Countrey, and compelled the said Troops to quit the same, which however cost the lives of several persons on both sides, and, among others, the Baron *de Joertz*, Counseller and Chamberlain to the Elector of *Brandenburg*, was killed in the Scuffle, at which his Electoral Highness is said to be much offended. Our Letters from *Strasburg* say, that the Sieur *de Monclar* is encamped with a considerable Body of Men near *Haguenaw*, to protect the Workmen who are employed for the demolishing the Fortifications of that place. The same Letters add, that the French Resident at *Strasburg* had acquainted those Magistrates, that the King his Master was resolved to quit *Saverne*, and that he would not have any Army in *Alsace* this Summer, unless he were thereto obliged by the Enemies motions. The *Osnabrug* Troops will not as yet be perswaded to quit their quarters in this Diocess, notwith-